Patient Experience of Care Update ABMS Physician CAHPS

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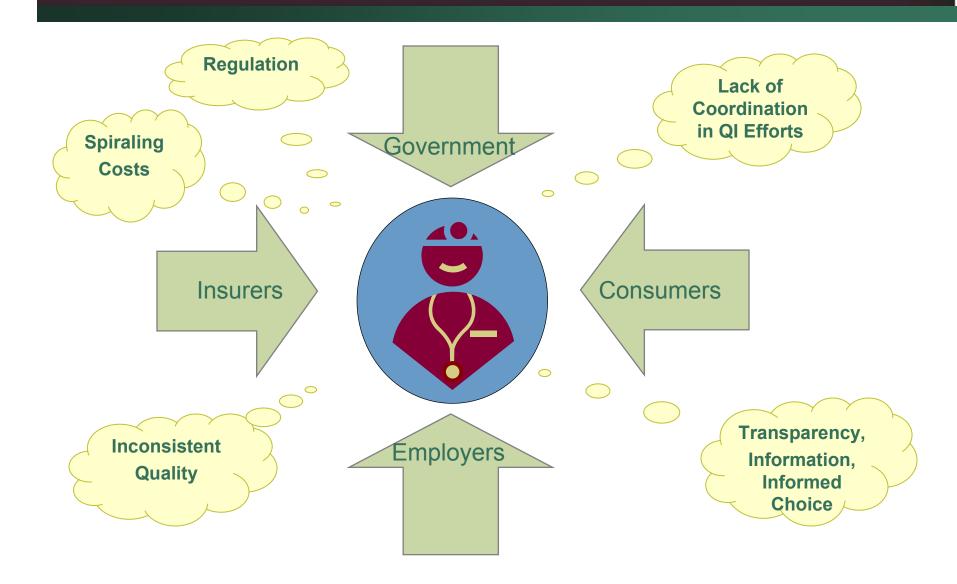


Who is ABMS?

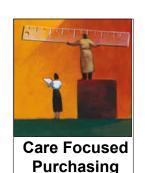
- » Umbrella organization for 24 member boards that certified physicians
 - ~725,000 physicians
 - 24 Member Boards
 - 37 general certificates; 110 subspecialty certificates
- » Assist member boards in setting standards for physician board certification
- » Structure Maintenance of Certification (MOC)



External Forces in Healthcare



Public Trust Initiatives













Consumer-Purchaser
DISCLOSURE
PROJECT Improving Health Ca



Improving Health Care Quality Through Public Reporting of Performance



The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®

CNIS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Transparency: Better Care Lower Cost





ABMS Enhanced Public Trust

» Continuous Improvement

 Physician lifelong learning (continuous professional development) and evaluation through ABMS
 Maintenance of Certification ™

» Accountability

- Urgent public need for objective assessment measures
- Enhance the use of patient voice in MOC

» Transparency

Reporting to the public, certifying (specialty) boards, and physicians

Transforming Physician Professionalism



CAHPS Stakeholder Goals

- Patients → Voice in physician assessment
- Boards → Tool to measure professionalism
- Physicians → Means to improve care
- Public → Credible data set



ABMS Consumer Research

» Recent consumer survey* results

- How important is bedside manner/communication skills?
 - 95% very important
- Which single attribute is most important when choosing a doctor?
 - #1: bedside manner/communication skills (34%)
- How difficult to find clear useful information on MDs online?
 - 57% agree
- * Opinion Research Corporation, Consumer Caravan; Physician Board Certification, May, 2008



ABMS Physician CAHPS

» Proposed

- Communication core items (7 total)
- Demographic and proxy items (8 total)

» Optional

- Additional CAHPS domains
 - Access, Test Results, Office Staff, Health Improvement,
 Health Promotion, Other Providers, Shared Decision Making,
 Coordination of Care
- Specialty specific items

Proposed Methodology

- » Visit-Specific
- » Measurement Scale
 - ☐Yes, definitely
 - ☐Yes, somewhat
 - □ No
- » Distribution Options
 - In-office handout
 - Mail out
 - Transition to NQF endorsed methodology
- » Response Modes: Mail + Web

Proposed Reporting

- » To physician's specialty board(s)
 - Yes / No
- » To physician
 - Detailed results
- » To public
 - Composite measures, benchmarks
- » Other stakeholders

ABMS CAHPS Status

» Complete

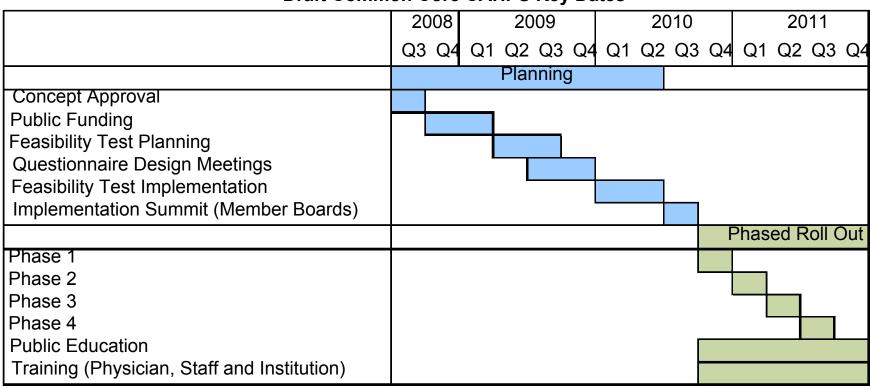
- Draft proposed delivery system
- Draft implementation plan
 - Reviewed by ABMS Board of Directors 9/08

» In Process

- Needs assessment with ABMS Member Boards
- Stakeholder collaborations
- Planning assumptions validation
- Program budgeting, funding

ABMS CAHPS Timeline

Draft Common Core CAHPS Key Dates



Feasibility Test Objectives

- » Effectiveness, cost and burden of ABMS CAHPS
- » Feasibility across practice settings
 - Handout: physician; staff impact
 - Mail-out: sample frames; patient lists
- » Physician perception of results, use for improvement
- » Proof-of-concept for Board Enterprise

Thank You

Additional Information

CAHPS Communication Core Items

Communication Items

- 1. Did this doctor explain things in a way that was easy to understand?
- 2. Did this doctor listen carefully to you?
- 3. Did you talk with this doctor about any health problems or concerns?
- 4. Did this doctor give you easy to understand instructions?
- 5. Did this doctor seem to know the important information about your medical history?
- 6. Did this doctor show respect for what you had to say?
- 7. Did this doctor spend enough time with you?

Demographic Items

- 8. Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?
- 9. Race
- 10.Age
- 11. Male or female
- 12. Highest grade or level of school that you have completed?
- 13. Rate your overall health

Proxy Items

- 14. Did someone help you complete this survey?
- 15. How did that person help you?

ABMS Member Boards

- » Allergy and Immunology
- » Anesthesiology
- » Colon & Rectal Surgery
- » Dermatology
- » Emergency Medicine
- » Family Medicine
- » Internal Medicine
- » Medical Genetics
- » Neurological Surgery
- » Nuclear Medicine
- » Obstetrics & Gynecology
- » Ophthalmology

- » Orthopaedic Surgery
- » Otolaryngology
- » Pathology
- » Pediatrics
- » Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- » Plastic Surgery
- » Preventive Medicine
- » Psychiatry & Neurology
- » Radiology
- » Surgery
- » Thoracic Surgery
- » Urology



What is ABMS MOC™?

» A process to document that physician specialists maintain the competencies necessary to provide quality patient care





Physician Competencies

» Six core competencies adopted by





CAHPS Program Considerations

» Minimize

Risk, complexity, burden, cost

» Maximize

- Data validity
- Comparability
- Common language for public





Proposed CAHPS Delivery System

